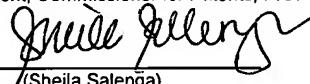


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 12, 2007 (Paper No. 1007), for which a response was due on January 12, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to April 12, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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